

RESOLUTIONS

THE LEGISLATURE OF MAINE,

IN RELATION TO

*The commercial intercourse between the United States and the British provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.*

MAY 7, 1838.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF MAINE.

*Resolves in relation to the commercial intercourse between the United States and the British provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.*

WHEREAS by the proclamation of the President of the United States, being thereto authorized by law, the ports of the United States were opened to vessels of Great Britain and their cargoes, from the British colonial ports of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, without the requirement on the part of the British Government to open the ports of said colonies to vessels of the United States; and whereas, the ports now open in said provinces can at any moment be closed against the admission of all American vessels, without conflicting with any commercial arrangement, or treaty stipulation, between the United States and the British Government; and whereas, American vessels are entirely excluded from all the ports at which the principal exports of said provinces can be directly obtained; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the interests of the State of Maine require that all the ports in the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which are now, or may hereafter be, ports for the delivery and reception of cargoes for British vessels, be made ports of entry for the delivery and reception of cargoes for American vessels, or that the ports of the United States should be closed against British vessels coming from said provinces.

*Resolved*, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to exert their influence in obtaining the object contemplated by the foregoing resolve.

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*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the above resolutions to the President, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 21, 1838.

Read and passed.

ELISHA H. ALLEN,

*Speaker.*

IN SENATE, March 22, 1838.

Read and passed.

N. S. LITTLEFIELD,

*President.*

March 22, 1838, Approved.

EDWARD KENT.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Augusta, March 28, 1838.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original in this office.

Attest:

SAML. P. BENSON,

*Secretary of State.*

STATE OF MAINE.

Resolved in relation to the commercial intercourse between the United States and the British provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

WHEREAS by the proclamation of the President of the United States, bearing date the 10th day of January, 1838, the ports of the United States were opened to vessels of Great Britain and their cargoes, from the British colonial ports of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, without the requirement on the part of the British Government to open the ports of said colonies to vessels of the United States; and whereas, the ports now open in said provinces can at any moment be closed against the admission of all American vessels, without conflicting with any commercial arrangement, or treaty stipulation, between the United States and the British Government; and whereas, American vessels are entirely excluded from all the ports at which the principal exports of said provinces can be directly obtained; therefore,

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